

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 549

Introduced by Assembly Member Furutani

February 25, 2009

An act to amend Section 1264 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to healing arts.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 549, as introduced, Furutani. Licensure: clinical laboratory personnel.

Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation of clinical chemists, clinical microbiologists, clinical toxicologists, clinical molecular biologists, and clinical cytogeneticists.

This bill would make nonsubstantive and technical changes to those provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 1264 of the Business and Professions
- 2 Code is amended to read:
- 3 1264. (a) The department shall issue a clinical chemist, clinical
- 4 microbiologist, clinical toxicologist, clinical molecular biologist,
- 5 or clinical cytogeneticist license to each person who *meets the*
- 6 *following requirements*:
- 7 (1) *The applicant* has applied for the license on forms provided
- 8 by the department, ~~who~~.

1 (2) *The applicant* is a lawful holder of a master of science or
2 doctoral degree in the specialty for which the applicant is seeking
3 a license ~~and who has~~.

4 (3) *The applicant* has met ~~such~~ *the* additional reasonable
5 qualifications of training, education, and experience as the
6 department may establish by regulations. The department shall
7 issue an oral and maxillofacial pathologist license to every
8 applicant for licensure who has applied for the license on forms
9 provided by the department, who is a registered Diplomate of the
10 American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, and who
11 meets any additional and reasonable qualifications of training,
12 education, and experience as the department may establish by
13 regulation.

14 (a)

15 (b) The graduate education *required for licensure* shall have
16 included 30 semester hours of coursework in the applicant's
17 specialty. Applicants possessing only a master of science degree
18 shall have the equivalent of one year of full-time, directed study
19 or training in procedures and principles involved in the
20 development, modification or evaluation of laboratory methods,
21 including training in complex methods applicable to diagnostic
22 laboratory work. Each applicant must have had one year of training
23 in his or her specialty in a clinical laboratory acceptable to the
24 department and three years of experience in his or her specialty in
25 a clinical laboratory, two years of which must have been at a
26 supervisory level. The education shall have been obtained in one
27 or more established and reputable institutions maintaining standards
28 equivalent, as determined by the department, to those institutions
29 accredited by an agency acceptable to the department. The
30 department shall determine by examination that the applicant is
31 properly qualified. Examinations, training, or experience
32 requirements for specialty licenses shall cover only the specialty
33 concerned.

34 (b)

35 (c) The department may issue licenses without examination to
36 applicants who have passed examinations of other states or national
37 accrediting boards whose requirements are equal to or greater than
38 those required by this chapter and regulations established by the
39 department. The evaluation of other state requirements or
40 requirements of national accrediting boards shall be carried out

1 by the department with the assistance of representatives from the
2 licensed groups. This section shall not apply to persons who have
3 passed an examination by another state or national accrediting
4 board prior to the establishment of requirements that are equal to
5 or exceed those of this chapter or regulations of the department.

6 ~~(e)~~

7 *(d)* The department may issue licenses without examination to
8 applicants who had met standards of education and training, defined
9 by regulations, prior to the date of the adoption of implementing
10 regulations.

11 ~~(d)~~

12 *(e)* The department shall adopt regulations to conform to this
13 section.

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